

Youth Brigade Denied Hearing Postponement In CIA Recruiter Case

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A hearing on activities of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade at Ohio State University is to be held Friday despite a request by the student organization for a postponement.

John Halstead, coordinator of judicial programs at OSU, said he scheduled the hearing before the student commission for Thursday but changed it to Friday to accommodate the brigade.

HE SAID THEY have been given a seven-day notice as required by the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and he does not intend to change the date.

The organization is under scrutiny because a CIA recruiter was splattered with red paint during a brigade demonstration Jan. 23 on the campus. She was not injured.

George Preston, a continuing education student and brigade treasurer, said the group needs more time to find witnesses for its side because many people at the demonstration "spontaneously" joined the group.

HE SAID THE brigade did not plan to throw paint at the recruiter.

"We picketed outside" after the paint was thrown, he said. "If we had planned it, we would have split."

Preston, of 189 W. Patterson Ave., and Paul Hollister, of 2267 Indianola Ave., who is not a student, have each been charged with complicity — helping the person who threw the paint — a misdemeanor. No one has been charged with throwing the paint.

Preston said he is reluctant to give any information to the university for

fear it could be used against him in the criminal case. He and Hollister both pleaded innocent at their arraignments.

HALSTEAD SAID that even if no one from the brigade shows up at the hearing in the Ohio Union, "the hearing would continue without them. That (their not showing up) could not be held against them."

Actions the commission could take include throwing the brigade off campus, which means the organization would not get university money or be able to meet in OSU buildings, and ordering restitution of the \$225 cost of cleaning up the paint. Any action could be appealed.

As a student organization, the brigade got \$238 from the university for this academic year.